THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is already permitted in Shipping and Port infrastructure.

(c) Yes, Sir..

(d) The cruise shipping policy is under formulation and is likely to be finalized by March, 2006.

(e) 100% FDI is already permitted in Shipping sector.

Development of roads in Uttaranchal

3320. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop the various roads in the State of Uttaranchal as National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) At present, emphasis is given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

Model drivers training schools in NER

3321. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Governments/NGOs are being given assistance for setting up model drivers training schools ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any such school for training of drivers has been opened in North East, more particular in Assam and if so, the locations thereof; and

(d) the number of drivers that have been trained during the current year under refresher training schemes of heavy vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Details of Central assistance sanctioned so far for setting up of Model Drivers Training School during X Five year Plan (2002-2007) are as under:-

Name of the Driving Institute	Total Central Assistance sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
Driving Training School, Guwahati, Assam	394
Driving Training School, Hagaribommanahalli, Bellary District, Karnataka	269
Driving Training School, Kolkata, West Bengal	328
Driving Training School, Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh by Krishna District Lorry Owners Association	400
Driving Training School, Jassur, Kangra District Himachal Pradesh	181
Driving Training School at Edappal in Malappuram, Kerala	299
Driving Training School at Sarai Kale Khan, New Delhi by Institute of Driving Training & Research, Delhi	325
Driving Training School, Dehradun, Uttaranchal	325

(d) Programmes for training 49850 drivers have been sanctioned under the Scheme of "Refresher Training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in unorganized sector", during the current financial year.

Corruption in DTOs

†3322. SHRI MOTILAL VOHRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that practice of getting driving licences, fake registration certificates etc. through brokers in the District Transport Office (D.T.O.) is rampant throughout the country due to which persons in real need have to face a lot of difficulties;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent this;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.